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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Fabrice LETERTRE

Confirmation No.: 2583

Application No.: 10/621,358

Group Art Unit: 1765

Filing Date: July 18, 2003

Examiner: Shamim Ahmed

For: METHOD FOR PROVIDING A SMOOTH
WAFER SURFACE

Attorney Docket No.: 4717-6800

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for responding to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2005 be extended for a period of three (3) months, from February 15, 2006, the date now set, to and including May 15, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$1,020. Please charge the required fee to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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